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Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among the candidates nominated by Governments to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Alfonso Gómez Méndez (Colombia), for a term ending on 1 March 2002, under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General was informed on 11 May 1998 of the resignation of Alfonso Gómez Méndez (Colombia), an elected member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). Mr. Gómez Méndez's term of office started on 2 March 1997 and would have expired on 1 March 2002.

2. Since Alfonso Gómez Méndez was elected by the Economic and Social Council in 1996 from among the candidates nominated by Governments, under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] the member to be elected to fill the remainder of the term should be elected from a list of candidates nominated by Governments.

3. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited States Members of the United Nations and those States parties to the Single Convention that were not members of the United Nations to propose candidates with a view to filling the post for the remainder of the term.

4. As at 30 November 1998, three candidates had been proposed by Governments. The names of the three candidates for whom biographical information has been submitted are given below in alphabetical order.

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Name	*Proposed by*
Thomas Barankitse	Burundi
Philip Lazarov	Bulgaria
Sergio Uribe Ramírez	Colombia

5. The biographical information that the Governments transmitted with their communications proposing the candidates is contained in annex I. Information on meetings of the Board in 1998, on payments to members and on the present membership is contained in annex II.

Notes

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

Annex I

Biographical information on candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board

Thomas Barankitse (Burundi)

Date of birth: 1955

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Burundi

Present post: Judge, Senior Deputy General to the Bujumbura Court of Appeal

Previous posts: Deputy State Prosecutor for Bujumbura (1979–1982); State Prosecutor for Gitega (1982–1983); Director of Judicial Affairs and Litigation, Ministry of Justice (1987–1990); Director-General of the Ministry of Justice (1990–1993); Chief Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Police Department and Chief of the Burundi Interpol National Central Bureau (1993–1997); Training Officer for training sessions for members of the judiciary and police forces organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights at Burundi (1996–1997)

Meetings attended: Narcotics control awareness-raising course, Paris and Lyon (1995); sixty-second session of the ICPO/Interpol General Assembly, Aruba (1993); 13th Interpol African Regional Conference, Lusaka (1995); First Interpol Subregional Bureau, Nairobi (1996); Third African Meeting on Stolen Vehicles, Lomé (1997); Third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA), Africa (1997)

Philip Lazarov (Bulgaria)

Date of birth: 1941

Education: M.D., Medical Academy, Sofia (1968); Psychiatrist, Medical Academy, Sofia (1971); Ph.D., Medical Academy, Sofia (1982)

Present post: Associate Professor and Director, National Centre for Addiction, Sofia (since 1994)

Previous posts: Head, Psychiatry of Addiction Clinic, Medical Academy, Sofia (1985–1994); Assistant Professor, Psychiatry of Addiction Clinic, Medical Academy, Sofia (1976–1985); Psychiatrist, Psychiatry Dispensary, Sofia (1974–1976); Head of Unit, Psychiatry Hospital, Karlukovo (1971–1974); Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Hospital, Karlukovo (1968–1971)

Publications: More than 80 publications in the field of substance abuse, psychiatry of addictions and general psychiatry

Membership: Bulgarian Psychiatric Association; Association of Polish Psychiatrists and Neurologists in America; Vice-President, Federation of Therapeutic Communities for Central and Eastern Europe; National Council for Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Traffic

Other activities: Consultant, Drug Demand Reduction Programme, European Commission (1997); National Coordinator, International European Training for Treatment of Drug Addictions; Coordinator for Bulgaria, the multi-city network study of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe; National coordinator of the international European drug abuse treatment training project of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

(UNDCP); Permanent Correspondent for Bulgaria of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe

Meetings attended: Has attended several international and national scientific events and consultations in Austria, Italy, Norway, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (1990–1998)

Sergio Uribe Ramírez (Colombia)

Date of birth: 1952

Education: Graduated in Political Sciences, University of the Andes, Bogotá (1977); Master of Arts, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. (1979)

Present post: Consultant/Adviser on subjects relating to the reduction of the supply of illicit drugs

Previous posts: Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (1991, 1995, 1997–1998); Adviser, National Narcotics Directorate (1996–1998); Director (1996–1997) and Adviser (1995, 1996 and 1997), National Plan for Alternative Development; Professor, University of the Andes, postgraduate and specialization programmes (1995, 1997–1998); Researcher, Project on the Narco-Industry in Colombia of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (1994–1995); Consultant, Dublin Group (1994); Consultant, National Narcotics Directorate and UNDCP (1994); UNDP Adviser on the National Rehabilitation Plan of the Presidency of the Republic (1992–1994); Professor, University of the Andes, Department of Political Sciences, pre-graduate programme (1988–1991, 1995–1996); Coordinator and lecturer, University of the Andes, high-level management programme, narco-trafficking module (1995 and 1996); UNDP adviser to the National Rehabilitation Plan of the Presidency of the Republic (1991–1992); Adviser, World Bank (1989–1990); Consultant/Adviser, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1988–1990); Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia (1986–1990); Regional Adviser of the Board of the Cartagena Agreement and of the National Office of Colombia for emergency situations (1988); Technical Cooperation Officer, Inter-American Development Bank (1979–1986)

Publications: Articles in various academic journals on the subject of drugs; *Journal of the National Narcotics Directorate* (since 1996); co-author of: "Los cultivos ilícitos en Colombia: su impacto económico, político y social" (1997)

Honours: Fulbright Scholar (1977–1979); Chase Manhattan Bank fellow (1978–1979)

Meetings attended: Adviser, Conference on Poppy, Bogotá (1993); Conference on Alternative Development, Lima (1993) and Santa Cruz (1996); and Conference on Environmental Crime, Bogotá (1998)

Annex II

Number, length and place of meetings, payments and present membership of the International Narcotics Control Board

1. "The Board shall meet as often as, in its opinion, may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions, but shall hold at least two sessions in each calendar year" (Single Convention, art. 11, para. 2).

2. The duration of each session varies from one to three weeks. In 1998, its sessions were as follows:

Sixty-fourth session, 18–29 May 1998
Sixty-fifth session, 2–19 November 1998

3. The sessions are normally held at the headquarters of the Board's secretariat at Vienna (Vienna International Centre).

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2491 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, the members of the Board receive a per diem allowance while participating in Board sessions or in official missions. In May 1998, this allowance at Vienna was US$ 254 per day. Members' travelling expenses are defrayed by the United Nations according to current administrative practice.

5. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980, members of the Board receive honoraria on the following annual basis:

President	US$ 5 000
Vice-Presidents	US$ 4 000
Members	US$ 3 000

6. The present membership of the International Narcotics Control Board is as follows:[a]

Edward Armenakovich Babayan (2000)
Chinmay Chakrabarty (2002)
Nelia Cortés-Maramba (2002)[b]
Jacques Franquet (2002)
Hamid Ghodse (2002)[b]
Vacant (2002)[c]
Dil Jan Khan (2002)
Mohamed Mansour (2000)
António Lourenço Martins (2000)
Herbert Okun (2002)
Alfredo Pemjean (2000)[b]
Oskar Schroeder (2000)
Elba Torres Graterol (2000)

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[a] The year given after each name indicates the end of the member's term of office, that is, 1 March 2000 or 1 March 2002.

[b] Members elected from among candidates submitted by the World Health Organization.

[c] Due to the resignation of Alfonso Gómez Méndez.